



## Fact Sheet

# Metal Products and Machinery Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards, Notice of Data Availability

### Summary

Today's notice makes available for public review and comment new data and information submitted to EPA during the public comment period for the January 2001 proposed rule.

### Background

On January 3, 2001 (66 FR 424), EPA published a proposal to establish technology-based effluent limitations guidelines and pretreatment standards for the metal products and machinery (MP&M) point source category. The proposal would apply to approximately 10,000 facilities that manufacture, rebuild, or maintain metal products, parts, or machines in eight regulatory subcategories. EPA developed the proposal to address changes in the metal finishing and electroplating sectors over the last 20 years, including measures that reduce pollution. The proposal would establish national regulations for some industry sectors for the first time as well as increasing the degree of environmental protection from that achieved under the previous rules.

In the MP&M proposal, EPA specifically solicited comment on various issues in addition to the general comment solicitation. EPA received comments from various stakeholders, including State and local regulatory authorities, environmental groups, individual industrial facilities and industry groups, and private citizens. This notice presents a summary of data received in comments since the proposal and additional data collected by EPA and describes how these data may be used by EPA in developing final MP&M regulations.

EPA is evaluating how the comments and new data may change certain aspects of the proposal and how this information might affect the regulatory options considered for the proposal. EPA is also evaluating the underlying data and methodology that EPA uses to estimate the costs, pollutant load reductions, and financial impacts associated with the regulation in light of the comments and new information. The notice describes EPA's current thinking on these subjects and presents information on how the new data and information received since proposal would affect the proposed limitations and standards. EPA is making these data and new information available for public review and comment. EPA solicits public comment on the issues and information presented in this notice of data availability and in the administrative record supporting this notice.

EPA held a public meeting on today's notice on Friday, June 7, 2002. EPA published a separate notice announcing the details of this meeting on May 21, 2002 (67 FR 35774). Meeting materials will be posted on the EPA MP&M website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/guide/mpm/>.

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